Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 01 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 02 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 31 Oct 2023 at 16:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled weather on Wednesday. Lower confidence for conditions to deteriorate later Thursday, mainly Trossachs, and for an improvement to drier, brighter weather as we head towards weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 01 Nov 2023: Cloudy with rain, snow above 600m, becoming heavy. Snow becoming confined to higher peaks in afternoon before dying out. Cold and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 01 Nov 2023

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	40%	80%	80%	50%	50%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 01 Nov 2023

Weather: Dry much of the night and becoming cloudy. Rain with snow above about 600m will extend to all ranges later in night and early Wednesday. The precipitation will become heavy at times with blizzard conditions over higher ridges and summits, turning to sleet then dying out later in afternoon. A few showers following.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance.

Low Cloud and visibility: Misty conditions with poor visibility in persistent rain and very poor or virtually zero visibility in the heavier snow. Clouds extensive down around 500 to 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	30/43 E	35/49 E	38/53 E	45/60 E	47/60 E	32/41 E	23/29 SE	25/31 S	24/30 S
900	27/40 SE	31/45 SE	33/49 E	36/52 E	34/48 E	23/32 E	15/21 SE	17/24 S	18/24 S
600	28/38 SE	31/46 SE	35/53 E	42/56 E	33/44 E	24/31 E	13/18 SE	21/26 S	20/26 S
300	17/30 E	22/38 E	25/42 E	25/42 E	17/29 NE	10/18 NE	7/12 E	11/20 S	11/19 S
Glen	12/24 NE	14/27 NE	19/34 NE	19/36 NE	16/32 NE	14/27 NE	7/17 E	7/18 SE	7/17 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14	-3/-14	-2/-12	-0/-8	0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-8
900	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-0/-8	1/-6	2/-4	2/-4	1/-4
600	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-5	2/-5	4/-1	5/1	4/-1	4/-1
300	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	5/0	6/3	6/4	6/3	6/2
Glen	4/-0	4/0	6/1	5/0	5/1	6/2	7/4	8/6	7/5
Freezing Level*	400m	500m	600m	900m	1100m	1600m	1400m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Dangerous conditions across the Southwest Highland area, especially over higher ridges and summits.

Forecast for Thursday 02 Nov 2023

Weather: A much improved morning with lighter winds, some sunshine and staying dry. Cloudier in afternoon with outbreaks of rain extending westwards, mostly over the Trossachs, wintry on highest tops. Also strengthening winds.

Maximum wind: Light northeasterly winds in morning, average speeds of 10 to 15mph, increasing 25mph gusts 40mph on the tops by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% reducing 40% in east of area later in afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with patches of cloud above 700 to 800m. Visibility will become poor in east later afternoon and evening with clouds becoming extensive above 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 1100m

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